

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Ting Zhou

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 21 September 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-9,13-15,17,18 and 22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 9/21/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed on 21 September 2004 have been received and entered. The applicant has canceled claims 1-3, 10-12, 16 and 19-21 without prejudice and added new claim 22. Claims 4-9, 13-15, 17-18 and 22 are pending.

2. It is noted that the applicant has rewritten the limitations of claim 13, found to be allowable subject matter in the previous office action dated 28 June 2004, incorporating limitations from each of claims 10-12, in independent form.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4-9, 13-15, 17-18 and 22 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention teaches a computer implemented user interface for controlling the handling of downloaded information received over an electronic transmission medium such as the Internet. Each independent claim identifies the distinct feature of the "first, second, third and fourth command interfaces all form part of a first level icon, and further comprising: a second level icon, the selection of which drills down to said first level icon". The closest prior art, Habraken, Joseph in Sams Teach Yourself Microsoft Outlook 98 in 10 min, teach a first command interface, the execution of which transfers the media file to a foreground space of the computer systems and opens the media file (Microsoft Outlook can select a received message with an attachment of any type, such as a media file like a PowerPoint presentation, and open the

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message and subsequently open the attached media file) (“Attaching a File” under Lesson 11 on page 93, “Saving an Attachment” under Lesson 6 on pages 46-47 and Figure 11.2); a second command interface, the execution of which deletes the media file without opening the media file or transferring the media file to the foreground space (the user can also select to delete the received message and therefore, deleting the attached media file without opening the file) (“Deleting Mail” under Lesson 7 on page 51); a third command interface, the execution of which delays opening of the media file for a selected time period (the user can save the attached media file to delay opening of the file for a selected time period until the user is ready to open the file at a later time) (“Attaching a File” under Lesson 11 on page 93 and “Saving an Attachment” under Lesson 6 on pages 46-47); and a fourth command interface, the execution of which establishes a link with an address associated with an originator of the media file (the user can reply to the sender of the received mail by selecting the “reply” button on the toolbar, which opens the reply message window with the sender of the original file, and send the reply message) (“Answering Mail” under Lesson 6 on page 48 and Figure 6.5). The prior art fails to teach the first, second, third and fourth command interfaces all form part of a first level icon, and comprising a second level icon, the selection of which drills down to the first level icon, and thus fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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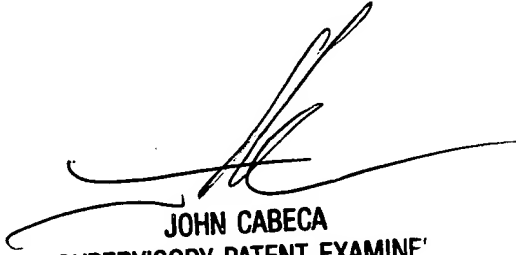
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ting Zhou whose telephone number is (571) 272-4058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached at (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-4058.

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